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In re Application of:)	
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Toshikazu OHSHIMA, ET AL.)	
	:	Group Art Unit: 3714
Application No.: 09/506,084)	
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Filed: February 17, 2000)	
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For: GAME APPARATUS FOR MIXED)	March 20, 2003
REALITY SPACE, IMAGE	:	
PROCESSING METHOD THEREOF,)	
AND PROGRAM STORAGE MEDIUM :	:	

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the document listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. A copy of the listed document is enclosed, together with an English-language Abstract. Applicants believe that the Abstract sufficiently summarizes the relevant aspects of the cited document.

The document was cited in an Office Action issued December 20, 2002 on counterpart Japanese patent application 11-165710. A copy of that Office Action is enclosed for the Examiner's convenience.

STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e)

Each item of information in this information disclosure statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign Patent Office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing date of this Statement.

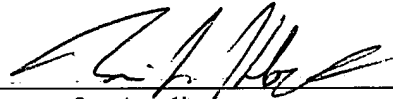
REMARKS

The cited document discloses an image synthesizer and image synthesizing method that acquires images by photographing a player in plural directions and maps the images to an object that represents the head of the player. Images of first and second players are mapped to first and second objects, respectively, and then shown on respective screens. However, Applicants submit that the cited document fails to disclose or suggest at least the computation unit and step as recited in the pending independent claims.

It is respectfully requested that the cited information be considered by the Examiner, that the next official communication indicate that such information has been considered, and that the Examiner initial the enclosed Form PTO-1449 indicating that the information listed thereon has been considered.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below listed address.

Respectfully submitted,

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